## 104TH CONGRESS IST SESSION H. R. 2513

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for burial benefits to include certain veterans who die in State nursing homes.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 1995

Mr. Stump (for himself, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Everett, and Mr. Evans) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF BURIAL BENEFITS.
- 4 Section 2303(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 "(a)(1) When a veteran dies in a facility described
- 7 in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall—
- 8 "(A) pay the actual cost (not to exceed \$300)
- 9 of the burial and funeral or, within such limits, may

1	make contracts for such services without regard to
2	the laws requiring advertisement for proposals for
3	supplies and services for the Department; and
4	"(B) when such a death occurs in a State,
5	transport the body to the place of burial in the same
6	or any other State.
7	"(2) A facility described in this paragraph is—
8	"(A) a Department facility (as defined in sec-
9	tion 1701(4) of this title) to which the deceased was
10	properly admitted for hospital, nursing home, or
11	domiciliary care under section 1710 or 1711(a) of
12	this title; or
13	"(B) an institution at which the deceased vet-
14	eran was, at the time of death, receiving—
15	"(i) hospital care in accordance with sec-
16	tion 1703 of this title;
17	"(ii) nursing home care under section 1720
18	of this title; or
19	"(iii) nursing home care pursuant to pay-
20	ments made under section 1741 of this title.".